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**National Intelligence Situation Report**

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**Summary**

No hostile North Korean military reactions have been noted to the August 21 tree cutting operation. North Korean military forces generally remain in a high state of readiness, but additional elements are moving toward a more routine posture. The Military Armistice Commission is scheduled to meet August 25 at 1600 Korea time (0300 EDT).

**Military Situation**

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**Political Situation**

The UN Command called for a full Military Armistice Commission meeting today to seek assurances that the safety of UN Command personnel in the Joint Security Area will be preserved and that the freedom of activity guaranteed to both sides will be respected. The North Koreans, in a routine move, proposed that the meeting be deferred until August 25 at 0300 EDT. Commander in Chief, UN Command, has accepted that proposal.

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No significant international reaction to the Korean situation has been noted. Most foreign media coverage remains factual and low key. Neither Peking nor Moscow has issued more than pro forma statements. (SECRET SPOKE)

  
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